to the Management that they should establish a well equipped hospital complete with all facilities in the first instance.

2913. [*Transferred to the 20th August*, 1992].

Prevention of asthama

2914. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 4th July, 1992 by Neelam Mathews on the subject of Asthama;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the number of people who are affected by Asthama State-wise and sex-wise, including children indicating the loss of productivity of these affected persons;

(d) whether any surveys have been conducted and results tabulated for ready reference and use by our various R and D units and if so, salient features thereof; and

(e) whether Government have any plans to educate the people on the preventive side and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No statistics are specifically maintained regarding the Asthama patients in the country. However, a statement showing cases and deaths due to Bronchitis, chronic and unspecified emphysema and Asthama in various States/UTs of India during the years 1987 to 1990 is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 46] Patients who seek treatment are guided about the precautions to be taken to prevent asthama from causative agents and allergens.

नकली औषधि घोटाला

2915. **श्री गोपाल सिंह डी० सोलंकी** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान में हुए नकली औषधि घोटाले की जांच करने के लिए नियुक्त की गई तकनीकी समिति ने सरकार को अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाही की जा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) से (ग) जांच अभी चल रही है ।

Kala Azar in Bihar

2916. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kala Azar in Bihar has been on the rise;

(b) if so, what is the number of mortality and morbidity during the past three years, State-wise;

(c) whether available health facilities have failed to arrest the spread of this disease if so, what are the specific reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the measures taken/proposed to be taken to improve the availability of medicines and prevention of the epidemic?